

REMARKS

In light of the following remarks, reconsideration of the present application is requested. Claims 1-28 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 11, 17 and 23 are independent claims and amended. Support for the amended claims may be found in paragraph [0057], for example. No new matter has been added.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has withdrawn the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection as indicated in the Advisory Action mailed October 20, 2008.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his time during the telephonic interview of November 12, 2008. During the interview, Applicants and the Examiner discussed the merits of claim 1 relative to prohibiting reproduction path re-change. During the interview, Applicants suggested amending claim 1 to recite re-change to a previous path. At the conclusion of the interview, the Examiner stated that amending claim 1 to recite re-change to a previous path, would overcome the rejection.

Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to recite, "re-change to a most recent previous path." Independent claims 11, 17 and 23 have been amended in a similar fashion. Therefore, Applicants submit that the current rejections are rendered moot.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending objections and rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a two (2) months extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submit the required \$490.00 extension fee herewith.

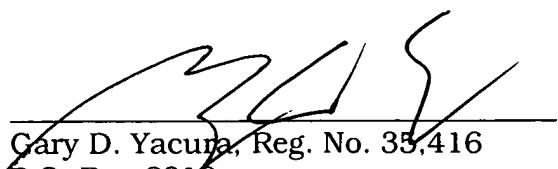
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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